

Inventories of Steel Producing Mills: January 2004

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Table 1. End-of-Month Inventories and Related Statistics on Steel Mill Shapes and Forms: 2004 and 2003
[Thousand short tons]

Month and year	Steel Service Centers inventories 1/	Producing mills inventories 2/					
		Total		Steel in process		Finished steel	
2004							
January.....	14,404	c/	8,700	c/	3,400	b/	5,300
2003							
December.....	13,588	c/	8,700	c/	3,400	b/	5,300
November.....	13,114	c/	9,000	c/	3,500	b/	5,500
October.....	13,107	c/	9,100	c/	3,600	b/	5,500
September.....	13,251	c/	10,000	c/	4,100	b/	5,900
August.....	13,008	b/	10,300	c/	4,200	b/	6,100
July.....	13,179	b/	10,800	c/	4,800	b/	6,000
June.....	12,836	c/	10,800	c/	4,900	b/	5,900
May.....	14,068	c/	9,700	c/	4,600	b/	5,100
April.....	14,727	b/	11,100	c/	5,300	b/	5,800
March.....	14,181	c/	11,400	c/	5,600	b/	5,800
February.....	14,333	b/	12,500	c/	6,500	b/	6,000
January.....	14,404	c/	12,400	c/	6,300	b/	6,100

1/Source: Metals Service Center Institute.

2/Accuracy of the data should only be interpreted to the nearest hundred thousand short tons.

Note: Percent of estimation for each item is indicated as follows: a/10 to 25 percent of this item is estimated. b/26 to 50 percent of this item is estimated. c/Over 50 percent of this item is estimated.

Table 2. Net Shipments and Imports of Steel Mill Shapes: 2004 and 2003
[Thousand short tons]

Month and year	Manufacturers' net shipments 1/	Imports for consumption 2/
2004		
January.....	9,082	1,944
2003		
December.....	9,038	1,671
November.....	8,485	1,833
October.....	9,273	1,879
September.....	9,027	1,837
August.....	8,629	1,730
July.....	8,424	2,066
June.....	8,692	1,769
May.....	8,567	1,920
April.....	8,845	1,863
March.....	9,117	2,281
February.....	8,087	1,700
January.....	8,435	2,572

1/Source: American Iron and Steel Institute.

2/Source: Census Bureau report IM 145, U.S. Imports for Consumption.

Import tonnage is derived from the following HTSUSA import codes:
7206.10.0000 - 7306.90.5000.